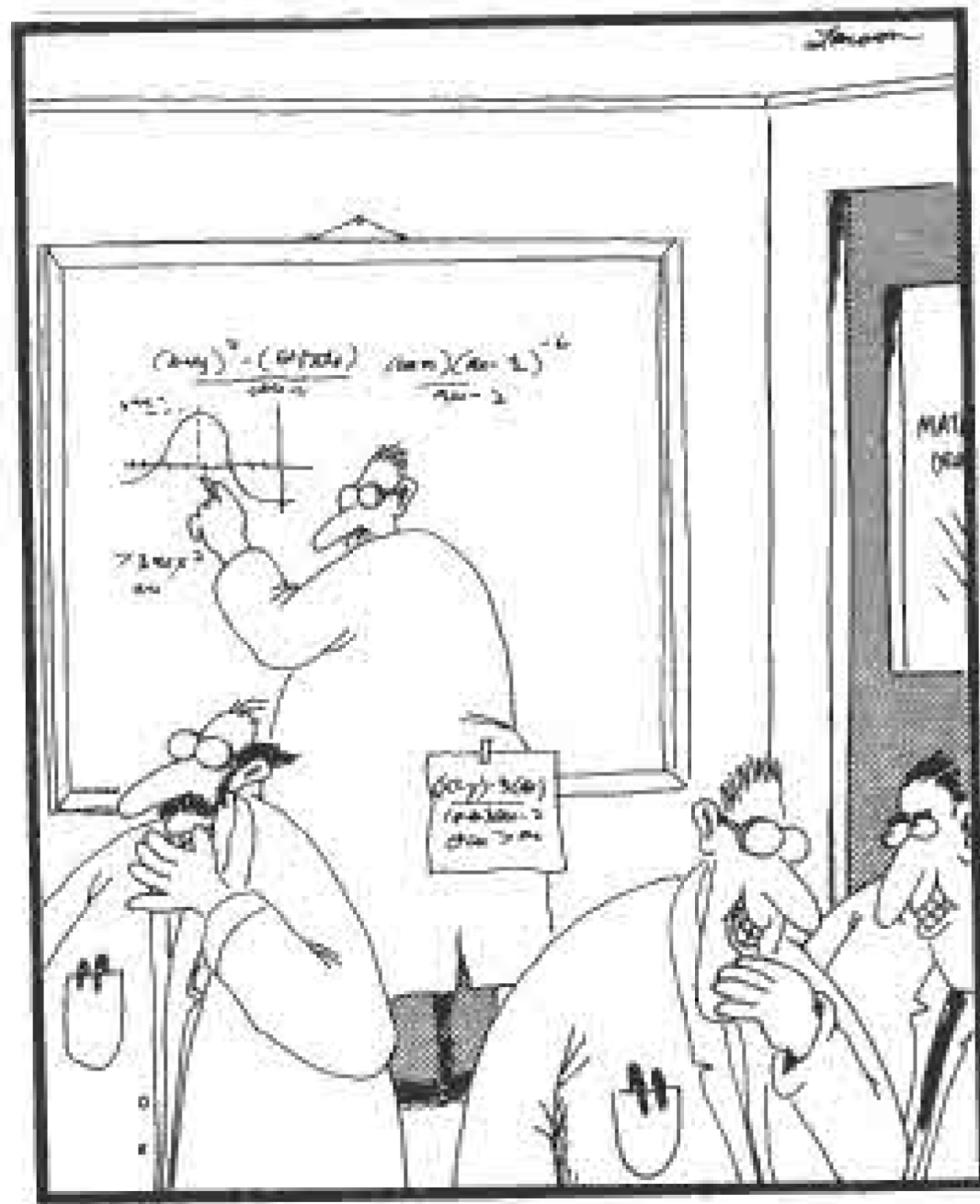




The writers for "Bewitched" sit down to their weekly brainstorming session.



WHO has broad mandate:

- advocating universal healthcare,
- monitoring public health risks,
- coordinating responses to health emergencies (pandemics),
- promoting human health and well being,
- providing technical assistance to countries,
- setting international health standards and guidelines,
- collecting data on global health issues,
- Serving as a forum for summits and discussions.
- What do you think WHO should focus on?

24 out of 178 health issues WHO monitors:

- Abortion, biological weapons, climate change, coronavirus disease,
- Deafness and hearing loss, earthquakes,
- Female genital mutilation, gender, health accounts
- Immunization, landslides, malaria, nutrition,
- Obesity, physical activity, quality of care, radiation,
- Sexual health, travel and health, universal health coverage,
- Vaccines, water, yellow fever, zika.
- **What can be the 2 super big health issues in 21 Century?**

Typical Flow of Health Alerts to WHO

- 1. Doctors in hospitals or in research laboratories
- 2. National health organization (CDC)
- 3. National Government
- 4. Global health organization (WHO)
- 5. World health assembly (WHA)
- 6. United Nations Organization.

WHO CANNOT FORCE GOVERNMENTS TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION

Was WHO on top of Covid-19 Outbreak?

- January 9 — WHO Announces Mysterious Coronavirus-Related Pneumonia in Wuhan, China.
- January 20 — CDC Says 3 US Airports Will Begin Screening for Coronavirus.
- January 28 - Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the director-general of the World Health Organization, visited Chinese President Xi Jinping.
- January 31 — WHO Issues Global Health Emergency.
- February 25 — CDC Says COVID-19 Is Heading Toward Pandemic Status.
- March 11 — WHO Declares COVID-19 a Pandemic.
- March 13 — Trump Declares COVID-19 a National Emergency.
- **WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

US Membership in WHO - in or out?

- **April 2020 President Trump:**

- WHO failed stopping Covid-19 as it began to spread in China.
- Declared intention to withdraw from the organization.
- Gave 1-Year official withdrawal notice in July 2020.

- **January 2021 President Biden:**

- Signed an executive order to stop the U.S.'s departure.

WHAT DO YOU THINK – IN OR OUT?

Are there other Options without WHO?

- CDC – has a global health strategy for healthier longer living.
- German Robert Koch Institute – has global health strategy.
- 15 other organizations – each focused on specific problems.
- **BUT**, when you have a disease that is spreading world-wide, only WHO has the ability to act as the gathering point for information on the disease, efforts to treat it, ways to prevent its spread. The CDC doesn't do that, instead CDC benefits from what WHO is doing.

WHO operates in 6 Regions

- Africa
 - Americas
 - South East Asia
 - Europe
 - Eastern-Mediterranean
 - Western Pacific
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- Serving 194 Member Countries

Who is financing WHO?

- WHO approved 2020/2021 Budget: > \$ 7.2 Billion
- Top 3 Financial Contributors:
 - Germany 12.2%
 - Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation 11.7%
 - United States 7.9%
 - 20% mandatory, 80% donations = unstable financial foundation
- . United States CDC FY 2021 Budget: \$ 7.9 Billion = stable foundation

Top 10 Contributors \$/m

No.	Contributor	Assessed contributions	Voluntary contributions specified	Core voluntary contributions	Total (Biennium)	Share	Source
1	United States of America	237	656		893	15.9%	[228]
2	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation		531		531	9.4%	[229]
3	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	43	335	57	435	7.7%	[230]
4	GAVI Alliance		371		371	6.6%	[231]
5	Germany	61	231		292	5.2%	[232]
6	Japan	93	122		214	3.8%	[233]
7	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)		192		192	3.4%	[234]
8	Rotary International		143		143	2.5%	[235]
9	World Bank		133		133	2.4%	[236]
10	European Commission		131		131	2.3%	[237]
	Others	524	1,484	103	2,289	40.7%	
	Total	957	4,328	161	5,624	100.0%	[238]

Complications and Obstacles: WHO acts like humans behave.....

- Denial, stonewalling of member states is human.
 - Different cultures have nuances in moral and ethical behavior.
 - Intentional behavior and its outcome cause different reactions.
 - All WHO reforms have failed so far.
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- **SHOULD WHO HAVE AUTHORITY TO OVERSTEP LOCAL GOVERNMENTS?**
 - **IF YES, WHAT ARE THE RISKS TO THE ORGANIZATION?**

Possible Solutions?

- Limit the scope to worldwide scientific data collection and analysis only?
- Fight globally only the most acute health challenges?
- Get politicians out and let scientists and administrators run it?
- More funding by billionaire foundations = more influence?
- Make vaccines and their quick availability their top priority?
- Educate of likely health catastrophes of 10 billion people by 2050.
- Let your representative in Congress & Senate know what you want.